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SUBJ: THIRD MEETING OF MANPOWER AND TECHNICAL
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REFS: A. TEHRAN 8249 B. STATE 203502

1. IN ABSENCE OF IRAN CO-CHAIRMAN NASSERI (ON WAY TO RAMSAR EDUCATIONAL CONFERENCE), CONTENTS OF REFTEL B GIVEN TO MR. VIDA, NASSERI'S ASSISTANT. VIDA UNABLE TO COMMENT AUTHORITATIVELY ON U.S. PROPOSED AGENDA BUT SUBSEQUENTLY REACHED NASSERI BY PHONE AND OBTAINED NASSERI'S CONCURRENCE IN U.S. PROPOSED AGENDA AS AGREED AGENDA FOR MEETING.

2. VIDA HAD OBVIOUSLY HOPED FOR SOME U.S. BUSINESS PARTICIPATION IN MEETING AND THAT HE HAD HAD IN MIND INVITING AMERICAN BUSINESSMAN RESIDENT HERE TO SIT IN ON SESSIONS. WHEN IT EXPLAINED THAT MAIN BUSINESS, FROM OUR POINT OF VIEW, WAS REACHING AGREEMENT ON GOVERNMENT TO GOVERNMENT COOPERATION, VIDA APPEARED TO ABANDON IDEA. SOME LOCAL U.S. BUSINESSMEN MAY BE INVITED, HOWEVER, TO RECEPTION HOSTED BY NASSERI FOR U.S. DEL SEPTEMBER 9.

3. REPORTING OFFICER SURPRISED TO LEARN THAT IRANIAN SIDE, LED BY NASSERI, MAY COMPRISE AT LEAST THIRTY
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INDIVIDUALS REPRESENTING NOT ONLY MINISTRY OF LABOR AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS AND MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, BUT PLAN ORGANIZATION, MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES, MINISTRY OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MINISTRY OF

HEALTH, NATIONAL PETROCHEMICAL COMPANY, NATIONAL IRANIAN OIL COMPANY, MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND HIGHER EDUCATION, MINISTRY OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS AND FINANCE, AND IRAN ELECTRONIC INDUSTRIES. CURRENT LIST OF IRANIAN COMMITTEE MEMBERS SHOWS MOST ARE UNDERSECRETARY RANK (E.G. JAVAD VAFA AND HASSAN ALI MEHRAN OF MINISTRY OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS AND FINANCE AND SHAPUR RASEKH, PARVIZ HEKMAT, AND ALEXANDER MEJLUMIAN OF PLAN AND BUDGET ORGANIZATION) AND IN SOME CASES HEAD THEIR ORGANIZATIONS (E.G. BAGHER MOSTOFI OF THE NATIONAL PETROCHEMICAL CORP. AND ADMIRAL ARDALAN OF IRAN ELECTRONICS INDUSTRIES). ATTENDANCE FROM SO MANY ORGANIZATIONS INVOLVED IN OTHER ASPECTS OF JOINT COMMISSION ACTIVITY UNDERLINES POINTS THREE AND FOUR OF U.S. PROPOSED AGENDA OF NECESSITY OF DEFINITION OF MINISTRY OF LABOR ROLE IN RECRUITMENT OF U.S. EXPERTS AND RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN ACTIVITIES OF THIS COMMITTEE AND OTHER USIRJC COMMITTEES. WHEN IT POINTED OUT THAT SO MANY PARTICIPANTS MIGHT MAKE FOR RATHER UNWIELDY MEETING, VIDA MENTIONED PLANS FOR BREAKUP INTO SUBCOMMITTEES. VIDA HANDED OVER SCHEDULE FOR FIRST DAY (SEPTEMBER 8) WHICH SHOWS OPENING SESSION AT 1000 HOURS FOLLOWED BY REVIEW OF AGENDA, DISCUSSION OF AGENDA ITEMS, A BREAK FOR LUNCH AT 1200 HOURS AND RECONVENING AT 1430 HOURS FOR CONTINUATION OF DISCUSSION AND EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON AGENDA ITEMS. (NO CLUE CONTAINED IN FIRST DAY SCHEDULE RE COMPOSITION OF SUBCOMMITTEES.)

4. VIDA STATED HE TRIED TO CONTACT MINISTRY OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS AND FINANCE MORNING AUGUST 27 IN ATTEMPT TO GET OFFICIAL GOI MANPOWER PROGRAM PROPOSAL TRANSMITTED TO EMBASSY BUT WAS UNSUCCESSFUL IN REACHING RESPONSIBLE PARTIES. THUS APPEARS WE WILL HAVE TO GO TO MEETING ON ASSUMPTION THAT BOTH SIDES WORKING FROM TEXT OF ENCLOSURE 1 TO TEHRAN A-156.

5. WITH REGARD TO SOCIAL EVENTS, EMBASSY WAS PREPARED
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TO SUGGEST THAT U.S. DEL HOST LUNCH SEPTEMBER 8 BUT VIDA ADVISES ARRANGEMENTS HAVE ALREADY BEEN MADE FOR THIS EVENT BY MINISTRY OF LABOR. THIS APPEARS LEAVE POSSIBILITY OF COCKTAIL OR DINNER HOSTED BY U.S. DEL EVENING SEPTEMBER 8. NASSERI COCKTAIL SEPTEMBER 9 WILL INCLUDE MEMBERS AND WIVES OF TWO DELS PLUS OTHERS AND PERSONS SUGGESTED BY EMBASSY. IN VIEW LARGE NUMBER OF IRANIAN COMMITTEE MEMBERS (NOT OBSERVERS), STAG DINNER AT LOCAL HOTEL RESTAURANT MAY BE APPROPRIATE. PLS ADVISE U.S. DEL DESIRES AS TIME EXTREMELY SHORT. ESTIMATED COST ABOUT \$20-25 PER HEAD.

6. HOTEL RESERVATIONS MADE AS REQUESTED REFTEL B,

ALL AT HILTON.

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